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TO REMODEL VESSELS

Penn and Lord Baltimore Will Be Cut Down and Re-equipped

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DELAWARE CITY, Del., March 13.—The Ericssen Line steamers, Penn and Lord Baltimore, which have been tied up near St. Georges for some time, are to be remodeled and placed in operation on the route between Philadelphia and Baltimore, via the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. These two steamers operated over this route some years ago, and were then transferred to Southern waters, where they operated for several years.

Action by the steamboat inspection service resulted in the cutting of the permitted passenger list of the vessel. The increased cost of operation and decreased passenger allowance are understood to have made it impossible for the vessels to be operated at any profit. For this reason they were tied up in the canal near St. Georges.

It is said that the vessels will be cut down, remodeled and re-equipped before they are again placed in service. It is expected that an oil-burning system will be installed in the vessels. These two steamers when they formerly operated between Philadelphia and Baltimore were considered the fastest vessels on the Delaware. They were used for day-passenger service, while the other two vessels of the Ericsson Line, the Anthony Groves, Jr., and Ericsson were and still are used for night service.

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